REMARKS

Claim Amendments

A new listing of the claims, as amended in the Response of August 16, 2004, is provided with this paper, and each claim now has the proper status identifier listed with it. In particular, claims 35 and 36, which were missing identifiers in the Response of August 16, 2004, are now correctly identified as "previously presented."

In addition, please note that in the Response of August 16, 2004 the Registration number for the Attorney for the Applicants (Barbara J. Carter) was incorrectly listed as 54,432 when in fact it is 52,703. The correct registration number for the Attorney for the Applicants (Barbara J. Carter) is listed below with this Response. Please accept the Attorney's sincere apology for any confusion this may have caused.

CONCLUSION

All pending claims are now provided with the proper status identifier. For the reasons set forth in the Response of August 16, 2004, it is submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the claims and a notice of allowance are therefore requested. Applicants do not believe an extension of time is required. However, in the event that an extension of time has been overlooked, Applicants submit this conditional petition for an extension of time, and request that deposit account number 19-4972 be charged for any fees that may be required for the timely consideration of this application. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if any matters remain outstanding so that they may be resolved expeditiously.

Dated: September 28, 2004

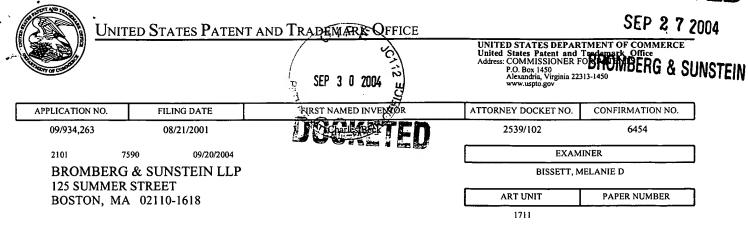
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